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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: FY-78 Program Review--12 July 1976

1. The DDCI, Office of the Comptroller representatives, and the four Deputies met on 12 July to discuss the contents of the FY-78 budget. The vast majority of the time, two and one-half hours, was given to a discussion of the "key topics" entry, pages 23 to 57 of the Program Plan. There follows a series of comments on various "key topics" as they pertain to the responsibilities of this Directorate. Should anyone lack the "key topics" section, it is available for reading in my Office. By "key topics" identification, the following comments are relevant:

a. Personnel Positions

The potential solutions to this topic are three in number and are found on page 25. The DDCI decided that the Comptroller, in conjunction with the Office of Personnel, should proceed with the first two solutions. I observed that the Office of Personnel is already doing some work as a follow-up to PASG on the second solution. All the Deputies rather challenged the third solution because we felt the alleged problem was not sufficiently identified and, to the degree that it was, the solution was not appropriate. I mentioned that there would be some merit in hiring an outside consultant firm to be of some assistance to us in this matter. Paul Walsh mentioned that Sayre Stevens was giving some consideration to bringing in the [REDACTED] Corporation to review certain matters within the DDI. It was left by Mr. Knoche that the Comptroller representatives will regroup within themselves on the third solution and come up with a different statement. As a matter of interest, I

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challenged two entries in the second paragraph under the heading "Centralization and Decentralization". The first is in the fourth sentence. This is a definitional problem and, to the degree the definition is properly formulated, I failed to understand their difficulty. I challenged and protested the sixth sentence and was supported by Paul Walsh. I asked for evidence to support the statement, and in the absence of any forthcoming, I stated I thought a disservice had been done.

b. Managing the Growth of Automatic Data Processing

All attendees to a greater or lesser degree agreed with the statement of the problem. I pointed out that we were pleased the concept had taken off from an ODP devised technique and, further, advised that we have proceeded as far as we reasonably could and to go any further is an Agency problem. The Comptroller was directed by the DDCI to proceed in general along the lines suggested. I will be in contact with Jim Taylor on this matter to ensure full ODP participation.

c. Research, Development and Engineering

This topic led to a long and somewhat rambling discourse. Suffice it to say, there was agreement amongst the DDCI, Les Dirks and myself that the Executive Advisory Group must early on take this problem under their cognizance and wrestle with it.



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e. New Headquarters Building

All agreed on the wisdom of this topic and I stated that if we could possibly do so we would endeavor to get an earlier start in FY-77.

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f. IBEX

This is a complicated and potentially difficult political problem. A special meeting on this matter took place on Tuesday, 13 July. This topic again almost exclusively impacts upon the Office of Logistics, and I will be in touch with Jim McDonald on it.

g. Release of Information to the Public

There was agreement that a problem does exist, although I am not convinced it is properly stated. The DDCI would like to pursue the matter and will have Mr. [REDACTED] interest himself in it.

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2. Three or four other matters came up that are worthy of noting. The DDCI expressed interest in learning what are the applications for common use of the Agency's RD&E Program, have there been advances in technology, have we been "boring dry holes"--really a positive and negative assessment of what the program has produced. The Offices of Communications, Security, and Data Processing should start preparing to address themselves to this issue, as it will be relevant when the Executive Advisory Group wrestles with the RD&E organization. Les Dirks evidenced a desire to receive an updated briefing on SAFE. Paul Walsh will arrange this and Dan May and myself will be present. This development should be watched. Lastly, Mr. Knoche noted that there was no specific reference in the budget book to the Agency's EEO Program.

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